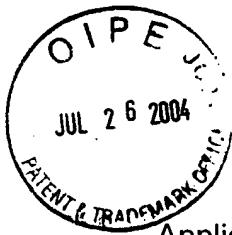


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LAYER

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AMENDMENT A

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2004, in which a shortened Statutory Response Period of two months was set forth, please amend said application as set forth on the attached claim pages.

Enclosed is a certified copy of the foreign priority patent, namely Italian Application No. TO 2000 A 001048.

Cancel non-elected claims 1-3 and 19-20.

Cancel claim 9 without bias or prejudice.

Amend claim 10 by changing the dependency thereof from claim 9 to claim 21.

Amend claim 14 by changing the dependency thereof from claim 9 to claim 4.

Add new claim 21, which includes the subject matter of claims 9 and 4.

Please amend the description of the TITLE from [Method and Device for Producing a Two-Part Tire Layer] to read Device for Producing a Two-Part Tire Layer.

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